Activity Sheet 11.2

Maintenance Tips

1. Continued reinforcement is important in maintaining a behavior. Sometimes a new behavior will not continue when it is no longer reinforced.

2. Using a delayed (after a certain period of time) or intermittent (given only some of the time) reinforcement schedule, you can fade reinforcement of the skill to a more realistic level.

Generalization Tips

1. New skills are more likely to be generalized if they are reinforced across different settings.

2. It is helpful to use reinforcers that naturally occur in different settings.

3. If a situation is too different from the one the skill was learned in, sometimes the new skill will not generalize to the new situation.

4. Make sure a problematic behavior is not being reinforced in situations outside of the home.